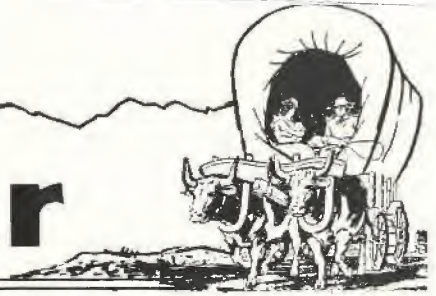


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*The historic East Mill Creek Ward Meeting House, a Salt Lake Valley Landmark, and still being used to full capacity*





By Milton V. Bachman  
(National President Sons of  
the Utah Pioneers)

THE WORLD is worried about its youth. Churches, civic clubs, schools, fraternities and associations of every kind are doing all they can to curb vandalism, robbery and defiance of law and order by our youth. Whole newspaper supplements are devoted to the activities and problems of youth. It is our most pressing social problem.

How can we best help youth? How much can we do for youth without overdoing it? Which is better, to do things for youth or show them how to do things for themselves?

Speaking about the needs of the youth of today, the late beloved Mayor Earl J. Glade, a tireless trooper for youth throughout his life, used this impelling elucidation:

If Abraham Lincoln were living today, one of our service clubs probably would give him a reading lamp and another would supply him with a set of books. Another group would give him a fountain pen and the town board most likely would present him with a television set. Possible the Chamber of Commerce would provide him with a hardwood floor for his log cabin.

He would have the protection of the child labor law. A kind citizen with a college education would send him to college on a scholar-

### President Bachman's Message

## How Not To Help Youth

ship. A social case worker from the state would see to it that the poor mother received a monthly check.

The federal government would be especially solicitous about his rent. He might even receive a subsidy for rail splitting or for raising some crop that he possibly didn't even intend to raise, or for NOT raising hogs.

The result: THERE WOULD BE NO ABRAHAM LINCOLN!

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### *Are You An Old-Timer?*

Most Sons of the Pioneers regard themselves as old timers — and they really are. You, too, can qualify as an old-timer if you can answer seven of these 10 questions:

In what great play did Maude Adams win great renown for herself and Utah? Who was it who said, "You may be the governor of the territory of Utah, but I am governor of the people? Who sang, "Give My Regards To Broadway?"

Who was the star of the pioneer motion picture spectacle, "The Shiek?" Who was Hazel Dawn? When did women wear hobble skirts? Who was "The Manassa Mauler?" Who said, "We wuz robbed?" Which President won the election with the slogan, "He kept us out of war?" Who built Social Hall and where was it located? Who looked down into the Grand Canyon and said, "Golly, what a gully!"

### *First Sparrows In Utah*

A recent newspaper article on how the English sparrow got into this country prompted Mr. Frank I. Kooyman, historian, to give the subject the local touch, with this interesting report, quoted under the heading of "Utah News" from the Millennial Star, April 23, 1887:

"At last Messrs. Walker Brothers have imported in perforated wooden boxes, about 200 English sparrows, which were set at liberty yesterday in the grounds surrounding their residences. The birds have been brought here with the view of becoming a public benefit in destroying various kinds of insects which are injurious to fruit and other crops. The sparrows should be protected that they may increase and go after the destructive codling moth.

"The birds appeared to remind some onlookers of old times in the motherland. It was just as though the spectators had recognized among the sparrows, some old acquaintances."

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### *Chaotic Chaos*

A man went back to Washington  
He had no ax to grind;  
And yet the equal of this chap  
It would be hard to find;  
He had no theory to expound—  
His wants were briefly stated:  
He had a simple problem, he  
Desired complicated!

—LES GO SCRAPBOOK

\* (On account of President Bachman's illness, the editor has appointed himself ghost writer for this customary article.)

## A Salute to the PIONEERS OF YESTERDAY from the PIONEERS OF TODAY

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### *Must We Lose Our American Spirit?*

LET US pause in the day's occupations and give thanks that our pioneer forbears, who loved and defended their country, even though it had failed to defend them—did not live to see young Americans burn their summons to the service, and in riotous assemblies spew venomous defiance at their country!

What a pity that these revolutionists have forgotten the sacrifices of our founding fathers and the struggles of our pioneer forbears that we might have the freedom and the comforts we now enjoy. Each one of these heroic souls represents a potential living contribution to that potent power which is the American family; each one of these courageous characters represents a life given for the safety and comfort of others, including the hoodlums who burn their draft cards.

The struggle is over for these heroes but for us there remains a struggle of almost equal significance. *We must still withstand the temptations of modern complacency, and the vicissitudes of pressures from those who would destroy our way of life.*

It has been said that no sacrifice is ever in vain because the characters of men are moulded and motivated by what their fathers and their forefathers before them have done. So, to us who are blessed to enjoy the fruits of their labors, is left desire, inspiration and strength to meet the challenges that face us. Let us hope we can meet them as they met theirs.

Americans must be for the lofty idealism of their country or against it. *There is no neutral ground. Indifference is to aid the evil ambitions of aggression and conquest.*

It is up to us, each and all, to resolve to defend ourselves and check on every front, the power-crazed forces of atheistic communism. It is our task to maintain our strength, on land, on the sea, in the air and in space, and to assist all free peoples in the world to resist aggression with every iota of our skill and might.

We are willing to do this because we want earnestly to avoid the ravages of war and establish peace as our founding fathers and our pioneer forbears intended. If we keep before us these lofty goals, put forth every effort to attain them and pause from time to time to contemplate the meaning of the monuments and the markers that have been erected in their honor, no power on earth can take our freedom from us.

Peace is the ultimate goal, the great and climactic haven of our America. *Yet, peace without freedom would be a sham.* So, let us regularly and regiously reaffirm our faith in the principles upon which this nation was founded.

### *'No Greater Love Hath ...'*

NOBODY ever considered Bill (Bulldog) Baker a spiritually-minded young man. He was stalky and tough, built for left tackle duty on his high school football team. At 20 he was a veteran of several months service in Vietnam and knew first hand all about guerilla warfare, hand-to-hand combat and how to hurl a hand grenade.

At early dawn one crisp November morn, under an ambush fire Bill and two of his buddies crawled out from their little shed behind a big rock to bring in a wounded companion. A piece of Red shrapnel hit Bill in the spine.

When they got Bill back to the shed he was practically a goner and he knew it. Yet, as the field medics worked over him, Bill flashed his customary grin and asked, "How are the others? Any of them get it?"

The medico told him none was seriously hurt. Bill closed his eyes and said, "Thank God!" The first aid crew carried him to the field shelter and talked to him rapidly to keep up his spirits. "You did a swell job, old boy," they told him . . . You were terrific . . . You'll get a medal for this . . ."

Bill only said, "Not me. I got it all right and it was metal, not medal." Then he muttered feebly, "I'll be okay. Take care of the others." That was the last words he uttered.

We have called this boy Bill Baker because this isn't his name. He would not want any writeup in the papers. Bill was funny that way, even in his football playing days.

Bill's buddy who brought him home in a flag-draped box had something important to say about this tragedy and some others like it:

"We learn a spiritual lesson in Vietnam. We learn that the risks of war develop in our fighting men a comradeship and a selflessness akin to spirituality.

"I do not claim that any of our fellows are sprouting wings. What I am trying to say is that the hardness and hazards of the job is giving them a terribly serious slant on life.

"One thing we understand early is that if one man flubs out on his job, many may die. Thus we learn, the hardest possible way, the first and enduring secret of democracy, **THE STRENGTH OF UNITY.**"

Standing by Bill's open grave as the Veterans of Foreign Wars folded the flag and gave it to his mother, you realize for sure that Bill Baker's buddy was not just theorizing.

He had heard other fellows besides Bill, with blood all over their faces and arms, say to their rescuers, "I'm okay. Go look after the others!"

Democracy indeed! When will we at home learn as much?



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# Our Readers Write——

## Let's Get Our Sons Into SUP

The life stream of any organization — civic, fraternal or professional, is new membership. No society or association can last long without a continuous intake of fresh membership. As members find it necessary to withdraw, or have passed away, new members must be enlisted to take their places.

The Sons of the Utah Pioneers have done fairly well the past year in acquiring new members. There have also been added several life members. The enlisted program however, has been quite inadequate. Deaths alone have removed an average of around 12 members per year.

We need to enroll that many new members every month. One hundred and forty-four new members a year would be wonderful, but we could get more than that if we really set out on a membership drive that would keep up its momentum throughout the 12 months.

The place to look for these new members is in our own families. Our sons and our sons-in-law are not only the most eligible but the most likely members. One or two at a time perhaps they might not enthuse about joining, but if we had eight or 10 young men coming into each chapter, each year, this would not only set up an association that would prove most enjoyable to them but prove most valuable and everlasting. Let's give our sons and our sons-in-law the big rush, perhaps starting

## Evertons Tell Plans And Bid Us All Adieu

This note is to tell all our friends in the SUP farewell, as Milady Ellen and I hie forth to Britain to do genealogical work for the Church, and to tell you all goodbye and God bless you.

After flying to Denver, Dallas, Orlando and points south and southeast where we will visit members of our family, we will leave New York for London on Feb. 27, arriving in London the next day.

We have been at the Granite Mountain Records Vault two weeks now and have enjoyed our work very much. We will be at the vault about three more weeks, finishing on Feb. 10, which gives us just one week at home to take care of things. Our grandson, George Mobley is staying at our home, going to school. He will finish this quarter about March 14 then he is going on a mission. He is just waiting for his call.

Our bishop has asked us to talk in Sacrament Meeting in our ward, Logan Ninth, on Feb. 19 at 6:30. It is not a farewell, we're just going to preach the Gospel.

Wish we could see all of you before we leave.

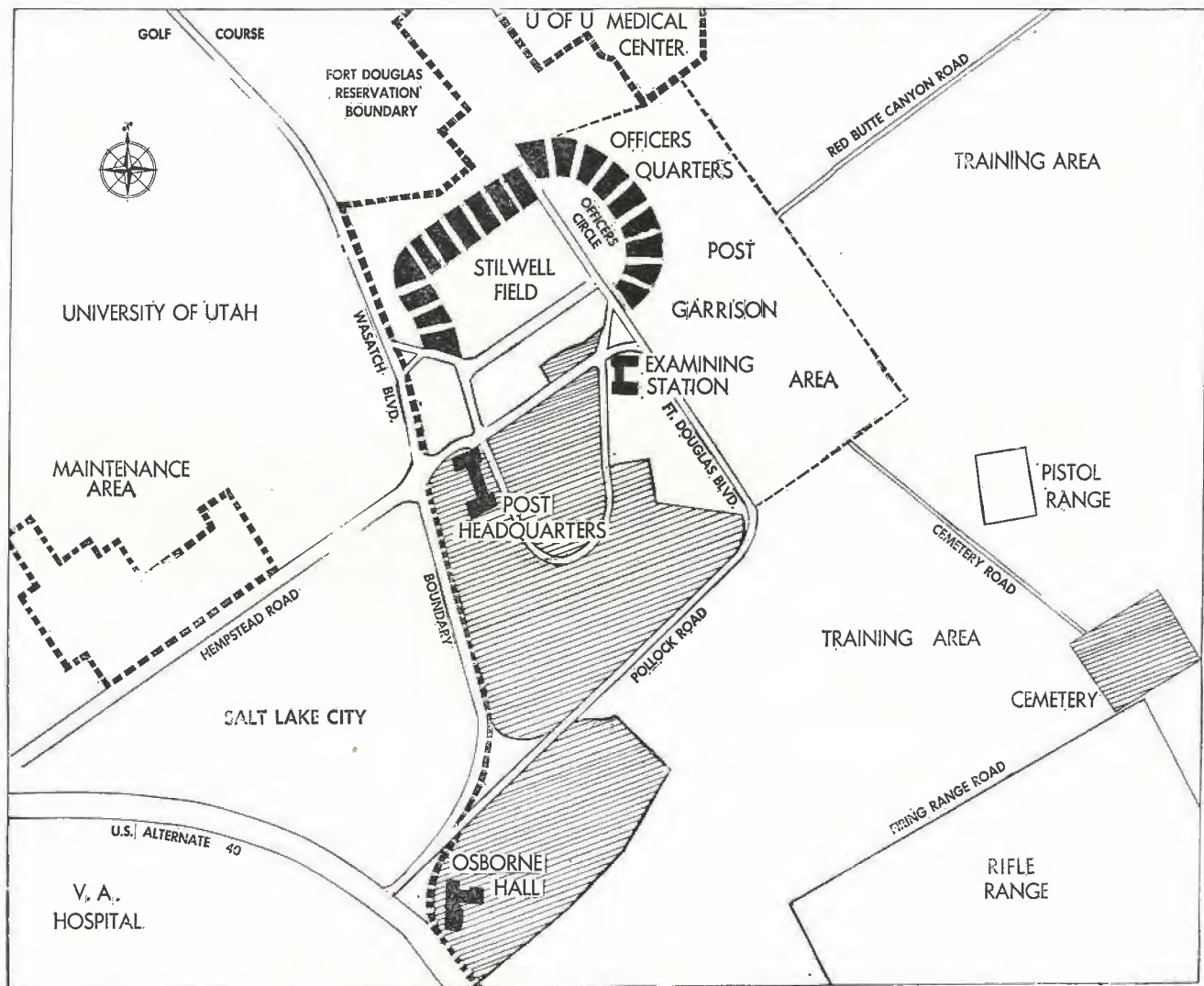
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them out with gift membership, and give SUP the new blood it needs.

—J. Rulon Morgan  
*Immediate Past President,*  
*SUP*

**I**F I can live in simple comfort and owe no man, sharing intimately with loved ones life's varied experiences; if I can bring a touch of healing and a clearer outlook into the trials and problems of those with whom I mingle; if I can humbly undertake public service when the public calls me, caring neither too much nor too little for popular approval; if I can give spiritual values always the first place, and gladly sink from sight, like a bit of leaven, that others might be elevated—then will this experiment of living yield in full measure the true wealth of contentment and happiness.

—Alfred Osborne.



Vast majority of Ft. Douglas will be declared surplus when the post is phased out on June

30. Utah military forces will retain shaded areas with all others being transferred to GSA.

—Art courtesy Deseret News

## Historic Part Of Ft. Douglas To Be Retained

The news was both good and bad anent the proposed disposal of Fort Douglas by the War Department. It was good in that some 20 acres, including some of the basic historical spots in the old fort will be retained as a miniature "Fort Douglas" and assigned to the Utah Military. The other 6,994 acres, including Red Butte Canyon, will be declared surplus and disposed of some time after June 30, it has been announced by Secretary of War, Robert S. McNamara.

The University of Utah, it is believed, has the inside track on

garnering the excess acreage adjoining the U. of U. campus.

Enough of the reservation will be left to identify it with early Utah military history, one of the rich and colorful stories of the west. It is proposed to make it a national park or monument.

The areas to be retained include: Osborne Hall, the adjoining parking lots, the Maintenance Building, Soldiers Circle, the tank lots, the old cemetery and some other buildings.

Pres. Milton V. Backman, for the Sons of the Pioneers, wrote Secretary McNamara in behalf of

saving the fort as a necessary Utah industrial enterprise as well as a pioneer monument. Executive Secretary T. Mack Woolley, passed the message on to the SUP chapters and urged them to write their congressmen urging preservation of the old military center.





## East Mill Creek Area Shows Fabulous Growth

### Started As Water-Powered Industrial Center

Thirteen miles of mills! Literally thirteen miles of lumber mills, flour mills, shingle mills. Only in pioneer Salt Lake Valley in all the old west could it have happened. And surely thirteen miles of mills would be enough anywhere to name the place "Mill Creek."

Utah in the early "Fifties" saw twenty mills dotted along this "Mill Creek" stream eastward from Highland Drive. And such a hive of industry! Twenty mills supply lumber for new homes and shops, flour for families and shingles for pioneer roofs. Clay that was suitable for making brick was soon discovered and bustling brickyards established. The little industrial center ten miles south of Salt Lake City became fullgrown over night.

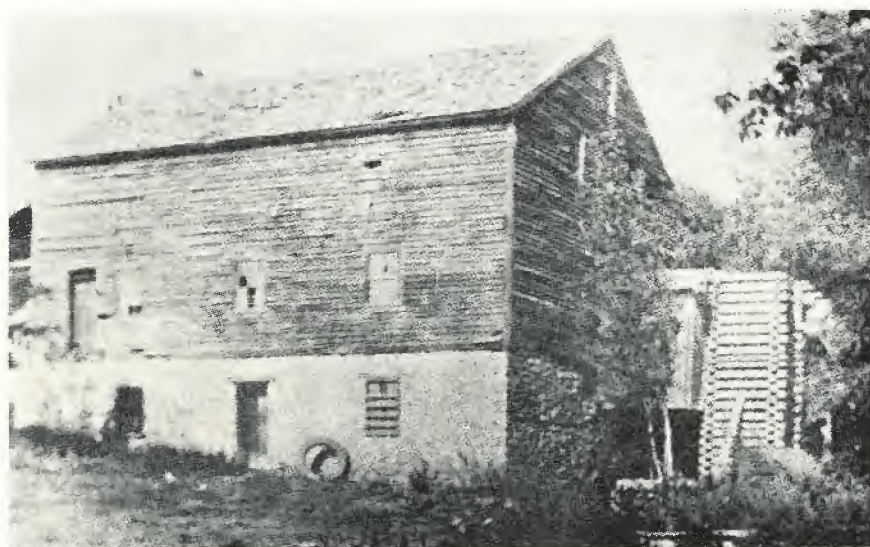
#### 100 Years

Today, a hundred years after, a few bricks remain but the mills are gone. Only a stone monument marks the place that once ground grain into flour for a millowner who refused a dollar a pound for his product in order that he might let the needy poor of the settlement buy it for six cents.

East Mill Creek nestles at the foot of majestic and towering mountains that lend a feeling of strength, durability and serenity to the thousands of present-day residents. A spirit of love and helpfulness permeates the neighborhood, the lovely homes, the modern schools and the peaceful churches.

#### One Remains

The community buildings of early-day East Mill Creek were simple and few. A grist mill, a small school and a meeting house. Only the meeting house (they were not referred to in grandma's day as "chapels") remains. It has



*The old John Neff Grist Mill on Mill Creek*

been remodeled in part and added to, but through the years it has retained an air of beauty and antique charm.

Hard by the very spot where a one-room adobe school house with its black, pot-bellied stove stood, the community now boasts a modern elementary school of two score rooms—each as modern as tomorrow morning's newspaper. In fact, East Mill Creek is growing so furiously that it requires six elementary schools, one large Junior High, and a complete high school to supply the educational needs of its future pioneers.

#### Amazing Growth

The old East Mill Creek Ward meeting house, which will be 100 years old (the original unit) in 1977, is one of the most picturesque old church edifices in existence. It housed a ward that once extended from Highland Drive to Park City and from 21st South to Cottonwood. When the building was remodeled in 1949-

50 by Bishop Lesley Goates, it cared for the whole stake and four wards. The area of the ward then extended from 2300 East to Park City and from 33rd South to 39th South, which now covers three stakes and 27 wards.

#### Seeks Webster Papers

Mrs. Carol S. Moffatt, Baker Memorial Library, Hanover, New Hampshire, 03755, is interested in locating any letters or papers of Daniel Webster and has asked the Sons of the Pioneers to advise her, if they know of any such documents. This is an opportunity to assist in a worthy project and maybe some of us can be of help—we hope!

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## Plaque On Site Of Pioneer Mill

*This plaque on the rock wall west of the ancient East Mill Creek Ward Chapel, notes the site of the first flour mill erected in the Great Salt Lake Valley. It reads: "445 feet west of this monument is the site of the pioneer flour mill erected in the spring of 1848 by John Neff, 1847 pioneer. The burrs were bought by him at Winter Quarters from Brigham Young at whose request they were brought to Utah. The Granite block in the monument is part of one of the mill stones. The mill began operations in March 1848 and was the first in the valley to produce refined flour. The builder, noted for his humanitarianism refused \$1 a pound for flour from emigrants to California, selling it to the needy for 6c a pound and frequently giving it to those who were unable to pay."*

Descendents of John Neff, Sr., East Mill Creek Betterment League and the Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmark Association.

## East Mill Creek Group

### Active Chapter Fosters Rich SUP Tradition

By LaMar Gardner  
(President East Mill Creek Chapter)

Ours is a choice experience as members of the East Mill Creek Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers. We have a most rewarding and delightful association with wonderful people, all interested in perpetuating the lofty idealism of our organization.

This is an ideal suburban community, rich in pioneer tradition. Some of our most amazing pioneer stories developed in colorful and charming East Mill Creek.

It was no wonder then, that a chapter of the SUP was organized here.

We meet with our wives and guests every fourth Monday evening at Birkland's Cafe on South Ninth East St. We enjoy a sumptuous dinner, a short musical program and listen to a renowned speaker. The subjects treated in these talks vary from civic problems, religion, pioneer history, educational themes, scientific phenomena, to almost anything else that engages the world these days.

Most of our members are charter members and have increased their devotion to SUP and each other now for almost a decade. Many have taken time out to serve in, or preside over missions, or accept assignment in high places in the government.

Our first president was Karl B. Hale, "Mr. SUP" himself out in this area. Our second president was Franklin D. Richards, now an assistant to the Council of the Twelve, LDS Church, who, incidentally was our speaker last

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## Horman Brothers -- Builders Of Huge Mall



*Sidney M. Horman*  
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... vice president

"Like father; like son" certainly holds true of the five Horman Brothers, all members of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and active in the Sugar House Chapter.

Their father was Thomas D. Horman, architect, builder and construction engineer. Father of Thomas was Charles Horman, pioneer of 1868 who joined the Church in New Jersey. He was a man of many talents and worked as a farmer, builder and part-time dentist. Thomas engineered many a western engineering project including the Snake River Dam at Idaho Falls.

The Horman Brothers—Sidney M., Thomas D., Albert W., Thares T., and C. Gilbert—and their two sisters, Mrs. Robert Devitt and Mrs. J.O. Smith, continued the construction business when their father Thomas, died.

### *Two Monuments*

The Hormans are pioneers in the Mall construction business. Two of their masterpieces in designing and building are the Cottonwood Mall in Salt Lake City and the Las Vegas Mall.

Sidney M. (Sid) Horman, president of Horman Construction Co. has long been active in the SUP and in civic programs. He was bishop of Wilford Ward for a number of years. He joined the SUP in 1956. He and his charming wife, Theoma, live at 1514 Mill Creek.

Theodore D. and Albert W. are vice presidents of Horman's. Both are architects as well and builders. Theodore and his gra-



*Phares T. Harman*  
... secretary-treasurer



*C. Gilbert Horman*  
... retired

cious wife, Birdie, live at 4040 Highland Dr. He joined the SUP in 1958. Albert and his charming Muriel live at 4403 Zarahelma Dr. He joined the SUP in 1966.

Phares T. is secretary-treasurer of the firm. He is a widower and lives at 1968 South Fifteenth East. He was historian of the Sugar House Chapter for many years. He joined the SUP in 1956.

### *Members Of Church*

Eldest brother is C. Gilbert, now retired. He and his lady live at 1925 Filcrest Ave. He only recently joined SUP.

All the Horman brothers are affiliated with the Mormon Church. Albert served on an LDS mission and after his return built a motel after the style of an old English Castle.

The Hormans are all humble, sincere and devoted men. A family characteristic is an aversion to publicity, so this little feature in *The Pioneer* is somewhat unique. With all their splendid accomplishments they need no publicity for their creations will live for generations as monuments to — the Horman Brothers.—H.H.J.

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It is the home of many of Utah's most prominent and influential families whose residence in many cases resemble old-fashioned country estates. It is withal the ideal American community.

Holladay is a place of culture and refinement because of the character of its founders—industrious, high-minded pioneers who followed Brigham Young's admonition to spread out from the city, into nearby as well as remote areas, to build new communities. One of the first of these was Cottonwood, out of which has come Holladay, East Mill Creek and other suburban settlements.

A few early highlights in the development and history of the

Holladay area, provide an insight into this early community, its people and its growth. It is actually the story of the Holladay Ward as it was created Feb. 5, 1911.

At a meeting held on that date in the Big Cottonwood Meeting House, attended by Elder Hyrum M. Smith of the Council of the

Twelve, the Big Cottonwood was dissolved and two new wards organized—Holladay and Brinton.

The Holladay Ward consisted of that part of the former Big Cottonwood Ward lying north of Big Cottonwood Creek—and Brinton that part lying south of

(See *HOLLADAY Story*, P. 14)

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**NEW OFFICERS, East Mill Creek Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers:** Front row, left to right—Heber G. Bird, first vice president; LaMar Gardner, president; Wilson Seely, second vice president; Kenneth Wiseman, third vice president. Rear—Mark

Madsen, two-year director; Lionel Halverson, past president; E. Morton Hall, one-year director; Lorenzo J. Bates, two-year director; Thomas A. Lambert, one-year director.

## When And Where SUP Chapters Meet

**Lehi Chapter.** Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Place—at a member's home, alternate each month, ladies meet with chapter — refreshments served.

**Pioneer Chapter.** First Tuesday of each month—12:15 p.m. Motel Temple Square—Lunch.

**Jefferson Hunt Chapter.** Huntsvill. Second Thursday of each month—Church, 7 p.m.

**Holladay Chapter.** Second Friday of each month at Pioneer Village, at 7:00 p.m. except July, August, September when they are held at different places out of doors.

**SUP Luncheon Club Chapter.** First Wednesday, each month at Hotel Utah at 12:15 p.m. except February when the Valentine Party may be held at the hotel or other place in the evening, the July party at Mr. Sorensen's garden in the evening, and the November party at hotel or other place to be announced.

**Sugar House Chapter.** Fourth Monday of each month at Pioneer Village except in the summer when it is changed to other places.

**Box Elder Chapter.** Second Wednesday of each month at

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## **SUP** **PROFILES**



### **David Johnson Fox**

David Johnson Fox was born October 16, 1911 in Bennion Ward, Murray, Utah on the "Old Fox Farm." David is the youngest



son of Jesse Williams Fox, Jr. and Rosemary Johnson. His grandfather, Jesse Williams Fox arrived in Nauvoo on June 26, 1844, the day before the assassination of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

**David J. Fox** After a successful mission, he returned and married his former Nauvoo student, Eliza Jerusha Gibbs. The wedding supper was served in the open, with an ox yoke as a table.

They arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley on Sept. 30, 1849 where his life was spent in service to his church and community. He took pride in having his son, Jesse W. Fox, Jr., David's father, assist him in surveying the city streets, canals, and the sites for the Salt Lake, Logan and Manti Temples, also the Salt Lake Tabernacle. Later, father and son assisted in driving the stakes for the buttresses which support the roof of the tabernacle.

David's maternal grandfather, Joseph Ellis Johnson and grandmother, Eliza Saunders, came to Utah in 1860. This young bride walked most of the way across the plains, carrying her tiny babe a good part of the way, so the wagon in which she should have ridden could be piled high with plants, shrubs and trees. They considered trees as priceless gifts, and the natural beauty of flowers and plants as food for the soul.

Recognizing their talents, Brigham Young felt inspired to call them to help settle "Dixie." It was here that David's mother, Rosemary, was born on Jan. 22, 1866.

She was a close companion to her father in his various endeavors as a horticulturist, newspaper publisher and druggist. Following his death, she visited her brother Charles in Salt Lake where she met and married Jesse Williams Fox, Jr. in the old Endowment House, Aug. 22, 1888.

This is the heritage that David brought—from the farm in Bennion Ward, Salt Lake City, Utah to Los Angeles, Calif. in 1931 where he met Ruth O'Connor. They returned to Salt Lake City to have their marriage solemnized in the Temple on June 10, 1935 and have been blessed with three fine children: Charles William Fox, Jesse Ellis Fox, and Susan Fox Fauver, who also have presented them with nine grandchildren.

David's experiences have been varied—from working on the farm, to mining, construction work and as a plumber's helper, then plumber, and now a contractor, owning his own firm. He has enjoyed his church activities, especially in the field of athletics and scouting, where his love for the out-of-doors and nature is always evident. He is a charter member of the Master M Men group, has been a counselor in his Elder's quorum, and a counselor and superintendent of the Mutual Improvement Association. He enjoys the association of many business and professional men, including civil organizations.

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### **F. Earl Walker**

F. Earl Walker, member of the East Mill Creek Chapter of SUP and widely known "Mr. Tenor" in valley music circles, was born



**Earl Walker**

on Feb. 4, 1898 in the little town of Fielding, Box Elder, Co., Utah, the seventh member in a family that eventually numbered eleven. The Walkers were real pioneers, being among the first inhabitants of

that little town. The first boy after six girls, his coming must have been a welcome and happy event for his parents, especially in view of the fact that in a farming community a son was an economic asset, while daughters were oftentimes regarded as a welcome liability.

Earl's father, Franklin J. Walker was a farmer, rancher, justice of the peace and owner of the local general mercantile store, so that the days of Earl's youth were occupied with a variety of activities, from milking cows to minding the store.

Since there was no high school in Fielding, he attended Box Elder High School at Brigham City where he boarded out with various local families until his own family moved there during his junior year. Graduating in 1916, and World War I being on full blast, young Mr. Walker was persuaded to accept a teaching job, and without the required training or experience in that field, he was assigned as principal and teacher in the little town of Rosette, about 20 miles from the end of the railroad at Kelton, Utah.

In the summer, following this frustrating experience, Earl enlisted in the Army and was in training until the signing of the armistice. Being mustered out in December, he was immediately "drafted" back into teaching as a substitute for teachers who were ill with the dread influenza which took so many lives that year.

While in the service Earl met and fell in love with Lucy Neff,

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## Utah's Bitter Struggle For Statehood

# Might Have Been 35th State Instead Of 45th

By Dr. S. George Ellsworth  
Professor of History, Brigham  
Young University

It is significant that the beginning of an annual public celebration commemorating the achievement of statehood of Utah, should come 67 years after this historic event, suggests that there may have been something about the events of early pioneer days that a good many people would like to have remain forgotten.

It suggests too, that we of this modern generation can look back upon those times without the feelings of bitterness and sorrow attendant upon the events of the 1880's and 1890's. We have matured a good deal politically to be able now to have celebrated Utah's statehood officially for 70 years.

Statehood for Utah required a lot of doing—49 years after the Mormon pioneers came to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake, and 46 years after her initial application for statehood. It came about 30 years after her population had exceeded the required total as set by Congress. Utah was the 45th state when she might just as well have been the 35th.

It was belated recognition because statehood was Utah's rightful honor by reason of settlement, conquest, population, production and loyalty. But Utah, as any other state, could not become a state in the Union, until Congress was completely satisfied that all local conditions — political, economic, and social—were in harmony with those of the United States generally. Thus, the struggle for statehood in Utah became a battle to maintain on one hand some semblance of local individuality, and on the other conform to the social, economic and political standards of American society.



*Pioneer Capitol  
... met at Fillmore*

### *Six Petitions*

Utah's petitions for statehood set up some sort of record for patience and persistency. She applied six times and held constitutional conventions in 1856, 1862, 1872, 1882, and 1887, each on her own initiative, with no blessing from Congress. Each attempt fell flat.

When the Mormon pioneers entered the Great Salt Lake Valley, they found themselves in somewhat of the same situation as the pilgrims of the *Mayflower*. They were alone and without any governmental authority. So, they simply set up their own self-government. This government they called the State of Deseret and wrote a constitution quite like that of other American states. But Utah was governed as the "State of Deseret" for only two years (1849-1851) when an application for admission was rejected and Congress thereupon created the "Territory of Utah."

Territorial status, a half-way stage from rule by Congress and self-rule, was a device set upon by Congress as a schoolmaster in preparation for self-rule. Under this setup the people of Utah sent a delegate to Congress but he had no vote and very little power. He

served mostly as a consultant in territorial matters. The people elected only town and county officials and a territorial legislature. The government in Washington appointed all the executive officers—judges, governor, secretary and commissioners.

### *Reason For Delay*

The long delay in achieving statehood for Utah was the result of a serious conflict between the differing ways of life of two groups of people in Utah. Honest difference they were generally, and they were stoutly defended. Each group considered its way of life as the more permissible and desirable under American freedom. It amounted to a struggle for minority rights and majority rule. The Mormon people who consisted of nearly 100 percent of citizenship at the time the struggle for statehood commenced, were down to about 80 per cent when the victory was finally won. Yet, this majority group was still the minority group as compared to the country at large.

The conflict essentially centered around the fundamental desire on the part of the Mormon pi

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## Markers Prepared Two Pony Express

The Sugar House Chapter of the SUP has prepared two Pony Express route markers to be set up at ceremonies to be held later this year.

Richard A. Welch, chapter president, and Horace A. Sorensen, program chairman, displayed to members at their January monthly meeting a large bronze route marker to be placed at the site of the stage station operated by Orrin Porter Rockwell at Point of the Mountain. Also shown was a panel-mounted marker which will hang at the SUP Railroad Museum at Corinne.

During the chapter meeting, Mrs. Venice Springmeyer reviewed the book, "Orrin Porter Rockwell, Man of God," by Harold Schindler.

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# Utah's Struggle For Statehood

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oneers for unity vs. the Gentile demand for diversity. The Mormon ideal called for united effort to one goal—the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. The individual Mormon citizen felt that highest expression of his energies came from complete dedication to Church ideals and goals, politically as well as spiritually. But the Gentile stood fast by his yen for diversity as the best expression of American life—political diversity, economic competition and individualism as opposed to organized direction and control.

## The Mormon Attitude

The way the pioneers stood by the guns and their leaders so irked one territorial governor that he said to President Brigham Young, after a brisk political tiff, "I would have you understand, Mr. Young, that I am the governor of this territory!" To which Pres. Young replied, "You may be the governor of the territory, but I am the governor of the people!"

These were slow-moving years and difficult adjustments for everybody, but things began to move briskly in September 1890 when



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Sarah M. Kimball  
... pioneer suffragette

the Manifesto was issued by Pres. Wilford Woodruff, ending polygamy, crux of the whole conflict, by that time. Then in 1890 the territorial legislature passed a law providing for Utah's first free public schools. That same year Mormons and Gentiles began working together for mutual assistance in community and industrial advancements. To maintain a near balance of strength between the two parties, Pres. Woodruff urged the Mormons to participate in both Republican and Democratic party affairs, although the Mormons then were strongly Democratic, their former opponents, the Gentiles, being mostly Republican.

## Suffrage Issue

The political excitement of the day was further augmented by the suffrage issue to which the women of Mormondom took with great gusto. The Edmunds-Tucker Act had removed women's voting privileges which had been granted by the Territorial Legislature in a bill passed Feb. 10, 1870 and okeyed by the governor two days later. But with statehood, female voting was restored. Feminine leaders in this campaign were Sarah M. Kimball, Utah's No. 1 suffragette and Emmeline B. Wells, editor and rights worker.

Utah was finally admitted to the Union Jan. 4, 1896. Officers to guide the new state during its infancy took office two days later. Statehood was a doorway through which the people moved to amalgamation in the life of America. It was a road sign reading: "This Way Into the 20th Century."

The feelings of Utahns on that historic occasion can be summed up in the statement of Pres. Wilford Woodruff: "I feel to thank God that I have lived to see Utah



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Emmeline B. Wells  
... editor rights-worker

admitted to the family of states. It is an event we have looked forward to and prayed for these many hectic years."

Utah's struggle for statehood taught us that there is no future in extinction but in survival and that there are all sorts of possibilities in dealing with the problems of a changing world. It taught that people must change, too, if they are to live, move and have influence. These years in Utah history taught us courage to face the future optimistically and to take steps to insure a greater future for us and our posterity.

Let us ever be grateful for the pioneer heritage we have received from Mormon and Gentile alike.

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## The Holladay Story

# New Look At Suburban Life

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the creek. Joseph Young Larsen was ordained by Elder Smith and set apart to preside over the new Holladay Ward, with George M. Andrus first and Hyrum Peterson second counselor.

The old meeting house which had been used for so many years by Big Cottonwood Ward was retained as the meeting place for the new Holladay Ward, until 1915. This was the beginning of a ward, the original dimensions of which now include some 17 wards in three stakes. The first division of the Holladay Ward, which started all these other divisions and sub-divisions occurred on June 27, 1921, when Holladay Second Ward was created, from a portion of Holladay, Winder, and Valley View Ward.

In keeping with the amazing growth of the Church in the Holladay area, has been its civic and industrial expansion. In that area now are modernistic business houses, apartment houses and one of the most elaborate and picturesque business malls in all the country—the famous Cottonwood Mall. Built by the talented and far-seeing Horman Brothers, it is the pattern for a number of these indoor shopping communities in various parts of the country.

The Holladay-Cottonwood district is much on the alert civically, having its Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, American Legion Post, Rotary Club—and especially its progressive, active chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

Next year marks the 20th anniversary since the SUP and the Mormon Battalion made the Centennial Trek back to Nauvoo for an October conclave. It has been suggested that the event be re-enacted. With "Nauvoo, the Beautiful" being restored to its pristine charm and beauty, this would be a most timely and appropriate re-enactment.

## What's In a Name?

# Picturesque Places Out West

T. Mack Woolley

Fremont Pass is in Iron County and it is the lowest altitude route across the range between the Upper Sevier River Valley and the



Little Salt Lake Valley. It is an easier grade than the road down Red Creek Canyon, the way of the old Spanish Trail. Captain John C. Fremont discovered this pass in August of 1853. Utah Highway No. 20 traverses it. Fremont Pass is not on Highway 91 near the Beaver-Iron County line as it is shown on some maps.

Garfield is the site of the Kennecott Copper Corp. (Utah Copper Co. division) Smelter and Refinery on the narrow pass between the north end of the Oquirrh Mountains and the shore of the Great Salt Lake. There was, until a few years ago, a town of the same name. Nearby a landing pier

was built on the lake shore in the early 1870's at which the steamboats, Kate Connor and the City of Corinne tried to load telegraph poles and railroad ties cut from the wooded Oquirrh and ores from the same range to be transported across the lake, destined for Corinne.

The "City of Corinne" was later converted into a pretentious excursion boat which plied the lake between popular points. In early fall of 1880, during his campaign for the presidency, General James A. Garfield enjoyed a like excursion on this pleasure boat, and after this event this steamboat was renamed "General Garfield." The pier, boat and resort were all destroyed by fire in 1904.

Garfield County was organized in the year 1882, being taken from the eastern part of Iron County. It extends from the crest of the Markagunt Plateau on the west to the Colorado River on the east with its north and south boundaries parallel. It was named in honor of President James A. Garfield of the United States who had just recently been assassinated.

## East Mill Creek

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month. Next followed Joy F. Dunyon, recent president of the Central British Mission. O. Layton Alldredge was the next president, and he was recently president of the South African Mission. Bp. Lesley Goates, newspaperman, 45 years with the Deseret News and now with the Church Information Service served the next year followed by Lionel Halverson, well-known building contractor and then by this writer, the "Gardner Optical" man who finds the SUP assignment no "optical illusion," but very real and very enjoyable.

Our chapter has some most inviting projects and treks on the agenda this year and we expect to have another successful year. SUP members are invited to visit us at our Monday dinner-programs.

Gilbert Peak is in Summit County and is 13,422 feet high. It is just north of King's Peak in the central high Uinta Mountains. It was named for Grove K. Gilbert, one of the original members of the U.S.G.S., and who in 1874 gave the name "Lake Bonneville" to the ice-age body of fresh water which covered most of the west half of the present state of Utah.



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## In Commemoration Of Ft. Moore Flag Raising

# Mormon Battalion Maps July 1-8 Trek

By Marvin E. Smith  
(Executive Officer, Mormon Battalion)

The 1967 Trek to California, July 1-8, has been given the blessings of both the National Board of SUP and the Executive Board of the Mormon Battalion. Details are being worked out. It was decided that this 120th anniversary of raising the Flag at Ft. Moore, claiming California for the U.S., was a proper time to commemorate the event with a tour.

Part of the old trail will be followed from San Diego to San Francisco. Some of the old Spanish Missions will be visited en-route. A re-enactment of the flag-raising at Ft. Moore Monument will be done with some participation by California officials.

The Church Missionary department has already given counsel on how this trip can better fulfill its missionary project of bringing goodwill to the LDS Church.

Invited to join the trek are SUP members and friends, as well as MB members and families. To make it more convenient for Temple workers to join the trek, it will leave July 1 and return within a week.

The expected cost for transportation and motels is \$80 per person. Plan now to join with your friends for this choice experience.

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*Save Ft. Douglas:* A petition to save historic Ft. Douglas was initiated and presented to the gathering of the Central Division of the MB on the evening of Jan. 20, 1967. Dr. Francis M. Kirkham moved its adoption and then all signed. Harold H. Jenson initiated this action and had support from Elias L. Day, Sheldon R. Brewster and E.G. Thomas.

The old Fort is scheduled to close June 30, 1967, unless suitable action is taken prior to that date.

You may help by writing your Congressmen.

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*Our Prayers* are for our members who have recently been hospitalized. SUP Pres. Milton V. Bachman had an eye operation in San Francisco (detached retina). He was expected to return in early February. Chaplain Joseph S. Bennion had a short stay at LDS Hospital.

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*Norma Ricketts*, Sacramento author, discovered and arranged for marking the grave of one of the original members of the MB near Colomo, Calif. Kate B. Carter, DUP president, and a representative of the MB were in attendance. Ceremonies were held on the occasion of the Gold Discovery anniversary. Just a year ago the SUP-MB sent three buses down for the occasion. Elder Ezra Taft Benson was the featured speaker.

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*The Central Division* group meeting at the Senior Citizen's center had a wonderful Christmas party. The program was under the direction of Delsa Hale. Pres. Milton V. Bachman was the speaker. Other guests included T. Mack Woolley, executive secretary of SUP, and Col. Earl A. Hansen, Logan, Commanding officer of the Mormon Battalion.

The January gathering was entertained by a showing of colored slides, music, and spoken word of the Cumorah Pageant by James C. Dean.

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A *Three Week* trip to the Montreal World Fair is being organized by Sheldon R. Brewster for the Central Division. The Temple Quarry SUP chapter is also planning a five-day Temple tour for Feb. 22, it is reported by M. Verne Thurber.

## WALKER

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great-granddaughter of the pioneer miller, John Neff. They were married in June, 1920 and to them were born six lovely children, three boys and three girls. The first three years following their marriage, the Walkers spent in Box Elder County, where Earl taught school and served as principal of the Deweyville Elementary and the Bear River Junior High School.

After he had spent some time intermittently working and attending the University of Utah, where he eventually earned his B.S. degree, Earl was persuaded by Frank Bailey to go into teaching again, in the Granite School District this time. With the Granite District he has worked as teacher and principal of the Oakwood, Roosevelt and Libbie Edward Schools, for a total of 37 teaching years. He is now retired, except that he engages in realty sales work as a post-career avocation.

Earl has always been active in church work and has held many positions as teacher and in the presidency of the YMMIA and the Sunday School superintendency. However, most of his activity has been in the field of music. During most of his adult life he has worked in ward choirs as a singer and director. Presently he holds these two offices in the East Mill Creek Ward.

He has sung for many years with the once-renowned East Mill Creek Male Quartet which has rendered service at almost countless funerals and other religious assemblies. If Franklin Earl Walker had \$1 for every funeral at which he has blended his beautiful tenor voice, he might now be driving a Rolls Royce instead of the flashy Mercury that takes him from chorus practice to choir practice and back again.

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# The Downward Trail Of the Mighty Utes

*Massacre: The Tragedy at White River. By Marshall Sprague. 364 pages. Little, Brown, \$5.*



In the languid heat of early afternoon on Sept. 29, 1879, a small group of Ute Indians slaughtered seven men at the White River Indian Agency of Colorado. Three white women were captured. That same day, 25 miles to the north, a larger band of Utes trapped and decimated four companies of Regular Army troopers. Three weeks later when the ladies were rescued, seemingly unharmed, the thrill of horror, indignation, and curiosity which had titillated the nation slowly abated.

Behind the massacre at White River which exploded with such sudden ferocity was a history of provocations, frustrations, and unfortunate accidents which finally led to the tragedy. It is to this sad tale that Marshall Sprague turns his colorful literary talent in this book.

The 3,500 Utes occupied 16 million acres of rich land on the Western Slope of Colorado. Though a treaty ratified by the Senate guaranteed their right to this vast country, even their Chief Ouray realized that it would be lost to the pressure of the settlers. He tried in vain to convince his sub-chiefs that it was better to live a farmer than die a warrior. But his efforts were obstructed by the fancies of White River Agent Nathan Meeker, a portage of The New York Tribune's Horace Greeley, had visions of himself as the "George Washington of the American Indian" leading "his Utes" into a "new life of spiritual purity and physical comfort."

*Finis:* Unfortunately, he started

by suggesting that the Utes kill their precious ponies and by ordering his agency men to start plowing up the grazing lands in the neighborhood. The Utes put a violent and bloody stop to this project by their attack at White River.

Ultimately the Utes' future teetered on the question as to whether the white women had been "outraged." The delicate job of investigation was assigned to the brave men who had rescued them. Overcoming his Victorian sensibilities, Gen. Charles Adams managed to put his questions and, in each case, was told "Yes." The Utes were finally transferred to Indian Territory in Oklahoma.

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The prominent men are stake presidents, ward bishops, governors and members of the bar who came to Utah after the driving of The Golden Spike. The volume comprises a virtual history of the Mormon Church in these early days. It is a profusely illustrated volume. The work was originally published in 1913 but has been out of print for many years.

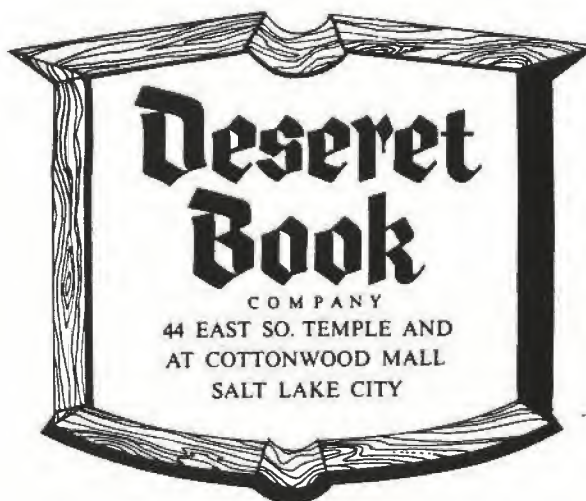
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# Chapter Eternal

## Dr. Henry Aldous Dixon

Dr. Henry Aldous Dixon, 76, member of the Ogden Luncheon Club Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, who represented Utah's First Congressional District for six years, died Sunday, January 22 of a coronary occlusion in an Ogden hospital. He was president of two Utah institutions of higher education for 19 years.

Dr. Dixon was drafted by the Republican party to run for Congress only a few days before the 1954 general election and was re-elected in 1956 and 1958. He was the only one of Utah's three GOP congressional candidates to survive the democratic upturn in 1958.

He declined to seek a fourth term in 1960 and instead joined the staff of Brigham Young University where he taught in the university's Department of Educational Philosophy.

Dr. Dixon was inaugurated as the ninth president of Utah State University on Aug. 8, 1953. He resigned 15 months later to accept a GOP congressional draft, following the resignation from the House of Rep. Douglas H. Stringfellow.

The veteran Utah educator was also president of Weber State College in 1919-1920 and again from 1937 to 1953. He also served at one time as superintendent of Provo City Schools.

He was a vigorous proponent for nonpolitical, nonsectarian and economical administration of the schools. When assuming the presidency of Utah State University in 1953, Dr. Dixon credited the remarkable growth of the institution to the devoted energies of the faculty, students and townspeople to

make Utah State one of the greatest universities in the country. He preferred educational services to politics, but considered an election to political office as a mandate from the people to preform a patriotic duty.

In May 1965, the Weber County Commission named the educator-politician as the fourth member of the Weber County Hall of Fame. It was during his administration that Weber State College moved from its downtown location to the upper East Bench. Largely through his efforts Weber became recognized nationally for its technical education courses. He was an instructor at Weber from 1914 to 1918 before being named president in 1919. He received the PH.D. degree in education from the University of California and the honorary doctorate degree from Utah State University in 1955. He took out his B.A. degree at BYU and his M.A. at the University of Chicago.

He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, served on a mission and as a bishop of the Provo Third Ward for six years. He was a member of the Sunday School General Board for 11 years.

Dr. Dixon was born June 29, 1890 in Provo, the son of John DeGrey and Sarah Lewis Dixon. He married Lucille Knowlden, June 12, 1915 in the Salt Lake Temple. He is survived by his widow; two sons, Dr. John A., Ogden; David, Aberdeen, S.D.; four daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Shaw and Mrs. Louise Larkin, Ogden; Mrs. Mark W. (Ruth) Cannon, Short Hills, N.J. and Dorothy Harrison, Ogden.

## Winslow Farr Smith

Winslow Farr Smith, 85, prominent church official and member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, Salt Lake Luncheon Chapter, died Dec. 25.

He was former president of the Ensign Stake, the Northern States Mission and member of the Deseret Sunday School Union staff. He was patriarch of Ensign Stake and brother to former Pres. George Albert Smith. He sang in the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir for many years and served a mission for the LDS Church to Germany.

Pres. Smith was born Jan. 19, 1881, to John Henry and Sarah Farr Smith. He married Emily Whitney June 7, 1906 in the Salt Lake Temple, the marriage ceremony being performed by his father.

He is survived by his widow, one son, two daughters and a brother: Dr. W. Whitney Smith, Mrs. Carl (Dorothy) Latham, Mrs. Granger (Virginia) Hill, and Glen S. Smith, the brother.

The funeral was held in the Ensign Ward Chapel on Dec. 30 and burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

## Louis A. Fleming

Louis Allen Fleming, a member of the Ogden Luncheon Club, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died Jan. 22 in an Ogden hospital after a long illness. He was born May 9, 1907 in Delmar, Nev., the son of Allen Martin and Martha McMullin Fleming. He married Leah Parrish, Aug. 17, 1932 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He was employed for many years as a postal clerk. He was a member of the Ogden Historical Society.

Survivors: widow; son, daughters, Allen P., Ogden; Mrs. LuAnn Pettit, San Jose, Calif.; Beth Fleming, Ogden; three grandchildren; brother, sister, Robert, Ogden; Mrs. Helen McIntyre, Spokane, Wash. Funeral was held Jan. 25, Lindquist and Sons Colonial Chapel, Ogden. Burial was in the Centerville Cemetery.

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## *The Old Salt Lake City Fire Hall*

# Ancient Landmark Likely To Be Preserved

*By Robert C. Mitchell  
(In The Deseret News)*

"We Aim To Aid, and Work To Save" was the motto of the Salt Lake City Volunteer Fire Department that served from 1856 to 1883.

The long unused slogan has been revived by a modern firemen's group that "aims to save" the old volunteer firemen's hall (called Ottinger Hall) at 233 Canyon Road. The hall is a veritable museum of fire-fighting memorabilia.

Lt. Marvin Kimball, of the Salt Lake City Firemen's Relief Association, heads an effort to change plans calling for removal of the relics to a local museum.

His plan is endorsed by the Utah State Historical Society, headed by Dr. Everett L. Cooley, which would aid in correct display of the rare articles and advise on building restoration matters.

### *SUP Support*

The Sons of the Utah Pioneers also have been giving their support to the project.

Dr. Cooley praised recent City

Commission action holding in abeyance its earlier order allowing the articles to be removed.

Dr. Cooley cited the value of the intact hall, which served as the association's recreation hall but never as an actual fire station, as being important to the city's tourist industry if it were opened and shown.

Quoting a recommendation of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Dr. Cooley said, "When an historic building survives into modern times . . . it is important to retain all its principal features, with only minor modifications for modern use.

### *Other Uses*

"When . . . a . . . building ceases to be used for its original purposes, other uses should be sought in order to perpetuate its life . . . but . . . modern uses should be adopted which are consistent with preservation of the building's outstanding use and values."

The collection housed in the firemen's hall is directly related to the building itself, and the group wanting to preserve them is directly related to both. In pres-

ervation work, Dr. Cooley added, this is an ideal situation.

The relief association hopes to become the recipient of both the building and collection by either long-term lease or outright grant from the city.

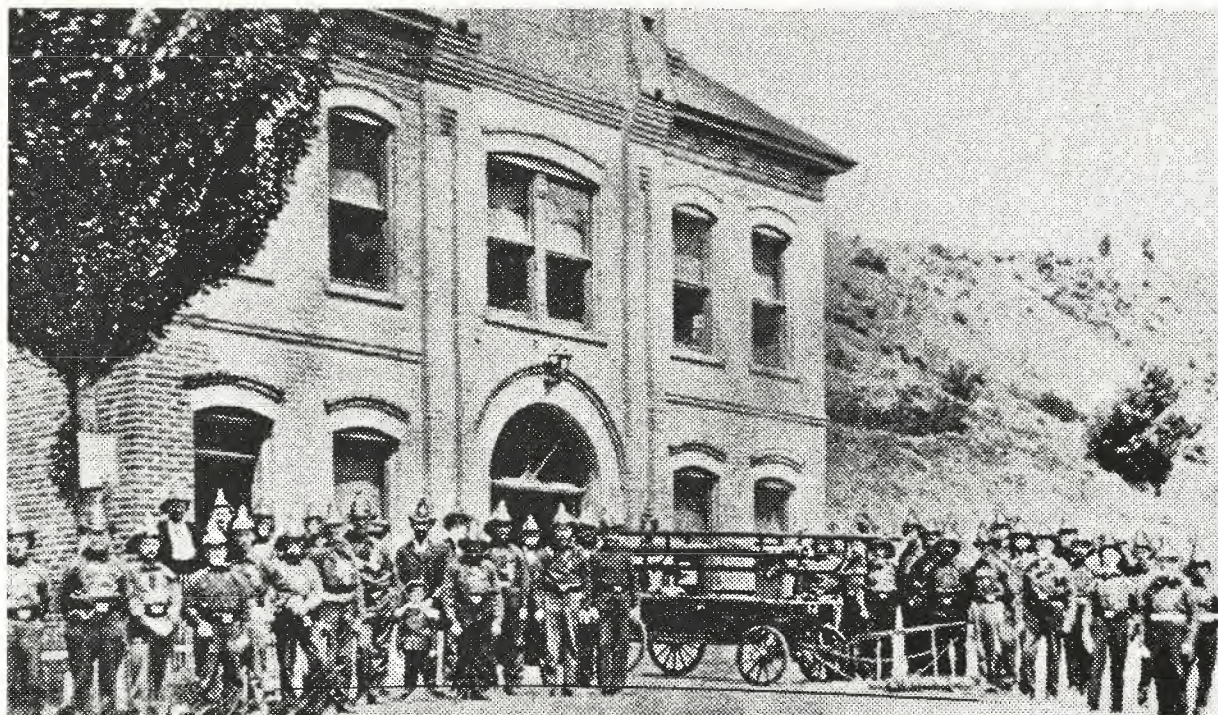
The association's 250-man membership would restore the building and make it available, along with a modern Salt Lake fire station, as an educational tour for residents and tourists alike, Lt. Kimball said.

"However, all details haven't been planned yet," said Lt. Kimball. Association members are selecting a project committee.

### *Began in 1853*

The Volunteer Fire Brigade had its beginning in 1853 when Mayor Jedediah M. Grant approved an ordinance. The brigade was later reorganized by the city council under another ordinance passed Oct. 17, 1856.

Jesse Carter Little was appointed as fire chief, following the reorganization. A native of Maine, Mr. Little served until the early 1870s when John D. T. McAllister was named as a successor.



*Deseret News Photo*

*Volunteer Firemen's Hall, as seen in this early picture, is unchanged today. Members of V.F. Association posed with city's first engine, which is preserved with other relics in the hall.*





*Mr. and Mrs. George B. Everton*

## Evertons Off To England To Direct Microfilming

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Everton of Logan have been called by the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to supervise the vast microfilming program for the church throughout Great Britain. They will leave February 21 for London where their headquarters will be located.

Mr. Everton is a long-time member and former president of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and

owner and operator of "The Genealogical Helper," a magazine for genealogical workers. Since he took over this little publishing enterprise it has gained in circulation from 700 to more than 11,000. It is sent to every state in the Union and to several foreign countries.

Prior to their departure the Evertons spent two weeks studying the microfilming project of the Church in the Granite Mountain in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

During the past three years Mr. Everton has lectured in 61 cities in 30 states on genealogical subjects. Mrs. Everton has assisted him in conducting the workshops.

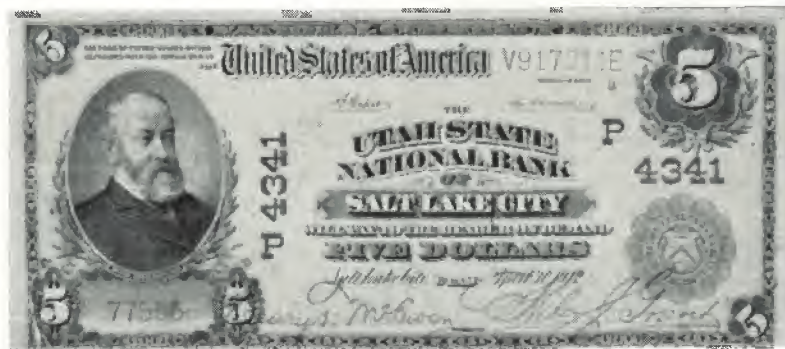
Genealogy, according to George, is one of the fastest-growing and most interesting of all hobbies. It will absorb as much or as little time as one will want to put into it and can be carried on by shut-ins through the mails with surprising success. It can take a searcher after names, places and dates all over the world, either in person or by correspondence.

Author of "The Handy Book for Genealogists," Mr. Everton tells of correspondence from thousands of genealogists throughout the world who have been helped by the little handbook and continued in genealogical work on a wide scale after starting the activity as a small hobby.

In addition to his printing and genealogical work, Mr. Everton has been a worker and promoter for Boy Scout activities. In recognition of this service, he was awarded the Silver Beaver by the Cache Valley Council in January, 1964. He has long been active in church and civic affairs. He was candidate for mayor of Logan in 1957.

The Evertons have two daughters in addition to their son, George, Jr. They are Mrs. James (Gene) Mobley, Denver; and Mrs. E. D. (Carol) Wygant, Orlando, Fla.

George is chairman of the General Membership Committee of the SUP for northern Utah, a position from which he has asked to be released.



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## Abraham Lincoln

# Little A World-Made Man, Very Much A God-Made Man

By Les Goates  
Editor "The Pioneer"

WE ARE well past a century from the time Abraham Lincoln performed his great part on a tragic stage and the world agrees that his figure looms grander and more heroic the farther we recede. Whether we think of Lincoln with the Civil War, the slave traffic, the racial problem, the pardoned boy sentry who went to sleep, the Gettysburgh address his sharp humor, or his simple prayers, the fact about him which time discloses more and more clearly is this:

That his greatness is measured, not so much by what he was able to do for the cause of Union and freedom, as by what he was able to be to it. It was not his role to ride upon the storm which rolled out of the free North to overwhelm treason and slavery; it was not his part to forge its thunderbolts or hurl them; it was his sublimer part to stand like a firm, strong pillar in the midst of the swaying tempest of an uncertain time; for a tottering nation and a shaken cause to cling to for strength and security.

*This is what Lincoln means to us a century after he was so tragically removed from his benign mission; that is what he did for us and that is the kind of providence in human affairs for which great character and only the greatest, are given to mankind.*

How much his people leaned upon him while they fought out their lingering battle; how much they received strength from his strength; patience from his patience and faith from his faith, they never realized until he lay dead at their feet. To those who lived through that terrifying experience, it required months to recover belief in the reunion and rehabilitation of the republic, with Lincoln gone. All that he had meant to them then dawned upon their understanding.

### Secret of Greatness

Then, at long last, was revealed the final secret of Lincoln's greatness. He had kept his nature—his humble, kindly, gracious trusting character, as it had been given to him. He was so little a world-made man—so very much a God-made man!

*His acknowledgment of the Divine Power gives him something of the appearance of a prophet of Israel, sent forth to save the Constitution and the Union, both divinely inspired and founded. "We have grown in numbers," he said, in a proclamation for a day of humiliation and prayer, "but we have forgotten God . . . We have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to God who made us! It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power to confess our national sins, and pray for clemency and forgiveness."*

Are we so much different today? Too many of us have forgotten God. Too few of us bother to bow to "the offended Power" to pray to that God who made us. What a beautiful example of faith, humility and trust this great man set when he sought victory for the Union through him who gave America its birth: "In the pinch of your campaign out there," he wrote, "when everybody seemed panic stricken and nobody could tell what was going to happen next, I went to my room and locked the door and got down on my knees before Almighty God and prayed to him mightily for victory at Gettysburgh."

### A Solemn Vow

"I told him that this was his war, as well as ours, and our cause his cause, but we could not stand another Fredericksburg or Chancellorville. Then and there I made a solemn vow to Almighty



Abraham Lincoln  
... exemplar of faith

God that if he would stand by our boys at Gettysburgh, I would stand by him. And he did stand by our boys and I will always stand by him!"

It is like that with America today. We are in a great and climactic grip with military craft and might, and we are doing our best to resist in kind. But we have not yet learned what Abraham Lincoln knew more than 100 years ago, that there is a God in heaven more powerful than jets, bombs, armies and navies, who is eager and anxious to stand by us, if we will stand by him. God loves America and has designated it as a land choice above all other lands (Book of Mormon, Ether 2:12) and he will protect us if we will let him.

*If this nation is to remain great, it must be great as was Lincoln, by verity and simplicity, by honesty and earnestness; its policies a fair weighing of true opinions; its diplomacy a straight acting toward just and righteous purposes; its public services a duty and an honor; its citizenship a precious inheritance and a priceless gift.*

Let us have faith enough and hope enough to believe that the time for these good things is coming yet; and then, and not until then, will the monument of Abraham Lincoln, exemplar of freedom and democracy, be completely builded.



## Ogden Pioneer Chapter Has Enjoyable Year

The Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, has closed another enjoyable and profitable year. Attendance at each meeting has been exceptionally good and the programs have been very much worth while.

The motif generally has been on our pioneers and our wonderful heritage. Speakers have ranged from General Authorities of the Church to local chapter members; subjects, from pioneer trails to communications, sagebrush to satellites. One informative meeting on the history and importance of the islands and water of the Great Salt Lake was followed by a trek by boat to Antelope Island.

In November the chapter held its annual banquet and with partners enjoyed a visit with President Milton V. Backman; Executive Secretary T. Mack Woolley; Treasurer Lorenzo B. Summerhays, and their wives.

The club enjoys a fine feeling of fraternity and fellowship, is financially sound and is looking forward to another successful year.—G. M. Waterfall, immediate past president.

## Do You Remember?

By James H. Miller

WHEN you had to shuffle out to the woodpile in your slippers in the chill of the morning every time you forgot to fill the wood box the night before.

WHEN the old kerosene kitchen stove you used in summer left a pungent, heavy odor of escaping fumes and you wondered how you happened to get that dull headache.

WHEN the water drip pan under the icebox overflowed and left the kitchen floor like a little lake.

WHEN the tire blew out on the old Model T and you had to patch the innertube right there, then pump up the tire on the spot, because the spare tire had not become standard equipment.

WHEN you had to strop your long razor for five minutes before you get the necessary edge on it and by that time the lather had dried on your face,



The 1967 officers of the Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club, SUP, are shown herewith: Front row, left to right—John A. Shaw, second vice president; Aaron B. Ross, president; William E. Johnson, first vice president. Back row—Gerald M. Waterfall, past president; Wilford G. Fowers, chaplain; Vern L. Despain, historian; William J. Critchlow III, judge advocate. Not present—Robert R. Hull, secretary; Keith E. Wiggins, treasurer.

## Utah's Latest Centenarian

### Sussanah McGhie Saw Salt Lake Grow

It was away back in pioneer days that Sussanah Wagstaff used to watch the street lamps come on along the dusty Salt Lake streets. On January 18, 1967, this same little pioneer lady, now Mrs. James McGhie, celebrated her 100th birthday. She is Utah's latest centenarian.

An open house was held for the charming snowy-haired matron at the home of a dranddaughter, Mrs. Sylvia M. Eagar, 2266 Cottonwood Circle, Salt Lake City.

She has seen what she termed "almost unbelievable changes" in the community and the nation since her birthday on January 18, 1867. Her reaction to this modern, thriving, bustling way of life, "I enjoy it as much as I can see of it at my age." Her eyesight is still good enough to read the news-

paper and watch TV for a limited time each evening.

Her mind, too, is sharp and clear, as she recalls some highlights from her 100 years' store of memories:

"I remember clearly seeing Brigham Young at meetings in the Tabernacle and at various civic occasions. In autumn and winter he always wore a small shawl. I remember, too, the flowers that always decorated the Tabernacle. I remember these no doubt because my father was one of the first horticulturists in the valley."

Discussing the behavior of young people these days, Mrs. McGhie recalled her first important lesson in honesty. Walking home from school in the old First Ward, she passed the Chase (See Mrs. McGhie, page 22)

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## Washington Still With Us; Good Counsel Never Fades

If George Washington was thought about at all during the season of his recent birthday observance, it was probably as the "Father of His Country," the boy who chopped down the cherry tree; misery suffered at Valley Forge; crossing the Delaware in a blizzard or the face on the dollar bill.

But Americans, both as individuals and as a country might do well to heed some of his admonitions. Many of these sound as if he were looking over our shoulders today.

On government:

"Concealment is a species of misinformation."

"However necessary it may be to keep a watchful eye over public servants and public measures, yet there ought to be limits to it, for suspicions unfounded, and jealousies too lively are irritating to honest feelings; and oftentimes are productive of more evil than good."

"In all important matters, de-

liberate maturely, but execute promptly and vigorously and do not put things off until tomorrow that which can be done and requires doing today."

Advice to young people:

"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few."

"Do not conceive that fine clothes make fine men any more than fine feathers make fine birds."

"Avoid gambling. This is a vice which . . . is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief."

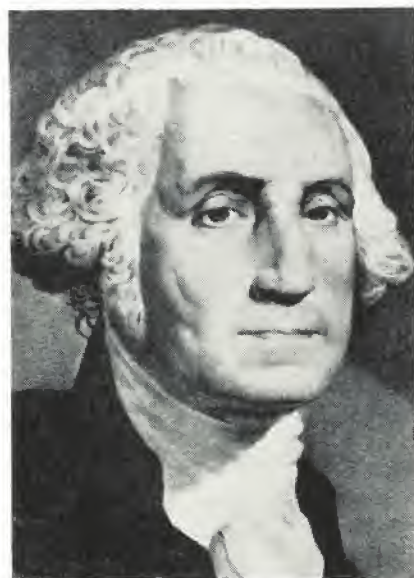
Some rules of behavior which Washington copied down as a boy and strived to live up to:

"Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect for those that are present."

"Show not yourself glad at the misfortune of another though he were your enemy."

"Let your conversation be without malice or envy."

"Let your recreations be manful and not sinful."



George Washington  
... also gave advice

### G. Washington's Prayer For Colonial Army

*Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep these United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States to the benefit and blessing of this glorious land. Amen.*

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## Mrs. McGhie, Newest Cenetarian

(Continued from Page 21)

home where an apple tree had dropped its fruit along by the fence.

"I wanted one of those big, rosy apples, and thought it proper to go in and ask Mrs. Chase if I could have one. 'Yes, Susanah,' said Mrs. Chase, 'you may have the two best ones you can find.' I put two apples into my apron and then I saw two more that looked awfully nice, so I put these into my apron also.

"As I began to leave, Mrs. Chase called me back and I was very frightened about what she would say. She ordered me to empty my apron and said, 'Susanah, I told you to take two apples and you have taken four. Now you may have none.' "

The old Wagstaff home was in the vicinity of 11th East and 9th South, what is now Gilmer Park. Here her father maintained a hot

house in which he grew flowers and other choice plants including sugar cane. Susanah recalls firing the stoves at night in the hot house to keep the plants from freezing.

"We used to make a lot of molasses from the sugar cane," she called. "It was great fun to watch the big pots boil and then to taste the molasses."

Mrs. McGhie enjoys telling the story of her wedding. In September, 1885, she and Mr. McGhie drove to Logan via horse and buggy to be married in the LDS Temple. "When we arrived home, (a two-day trip in those days), she remembers, 'we pulled up in front of the First Ward meeting house to greet some friends, and lo, and behold, the old horse that had taken us on the long trip, just up and fell dead.' "

Mr. McGhie, an insurance man, died in 1942.

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## Historical Highlights

By Harold H. Jensen  
National Historian, SUP

Utah has had some outstanding oldsters who have attained the 100 mark and over, but none has made more newspaper copy or written more Utah history than



Harold Jensen

has Mrs. Hilda Anderson Erickson, 107, as of November 11. She is Utah's last surviving pioneer, the only one left who came to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake before the coming of the railroads in 1869.

Mrs. Erickson holds the record as the state's first lady in point of age, but who is the oldest man? The identity of this august person is somewhat in dispute. Most likely it is Joseph Reed, 102, who is confined in a Roy, Utah, rest home. There are conflicting dates as to his birth.

Robert Edwards, residing in a Salt Lake oldsters center, was 102 on December 24, according to his family record.

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Amasa Clark of Farmington, 101 on June 7, holds the record for activity at least. He rode his bicycle to his bank up until a year ago and still goes to work there every day.

George Miles of St. George became a centenarian last November.

David Parkinson of Brigham City is nearing 102. He and his wife are both in the Pioneer Rest Home. They are probably Utah's longest-living married couple. However, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Sletler have been married 70 years. This is one of Salt Lake's longest-living married couples.

Mrs. Mary A. Young, Salt Lake City, recently turned 101 as did Mrs. Lucinda Redd of Monticello. Mrs. Pauline B. Wale and

Mrs. Meda Jensen, both of Salt Lake. Mrs. Mary Evans Newman of St. Johns, and Mrs. Donnie Hanson of Logan, received their Centenarian Badges at last summer's Old Folks Day Celebration. Mrs. Ella Platt, at a rest home in Salt Lake, will be 101 on April 20.

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In the LDS Church historian's office is found a complete file of our "SUP News," as it was called over the years, now "The Pioneer." These are bound and can be examined and read but may not be taken from the library. Along with these volumes is "The Voice of the Pioneer," a little pamphlet published by the Salt Lake Luncheon Club each month.

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Mrs. Susannah McGhie of 2266 Cottonwood Circle, joined Utah's select circle of centenarians on Jan. 18. She was honored at a reception which was attended by many friends and neighbors.

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Stephen J. Maloney, veteran sports editor of the old Salt Lake Telegram, wrote the first feature story in the SUP News entitled "Salt Lake City's 1936 Pioneer Days Celebration." Maloney was the press agent then for the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce. Ogden's celebration was reported by Glen F. Marsten, in 1934.

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The late Judge George A. Goates, brother of our present "Pioneer" editor was the first editor of the SUP News. Robert W. Smith was business manager and Nephi L. Morris was president, Joseph Rice, first; Herbert Auerbach, second and Lawrence T. Epperson, third, were vice presidents. Richard W. Wooten was secretary and Seth Pixton, treasurer. All have since passed on.

To show the value of keeping newspaper clippings of historical events, Lorenzo Summerhays kept the clip of Wendell Ashton going in as president of the Sugar House Chapter in 1946 when this reporter was the national president. The chapter is trying to brief its history.



Ray and Clara Knell

## SUP Couple Of The Month

For SUP Couple of the Month, "The Pioneer" nominates Ray and Clara Knell of Cedar City. The Knells have been long and faithful boosters for SUP in southern Utah and all over the Mountain West, supporting each other in all these endeavors.

Ray Knell and Clara Bentley were married April 7, 1932 which makes them veterans in "the matrimonial realm of happiness" for 35 years. They have two sons and one daughter.

They have been active in SUP since the installation of the Cedar City Chapter. Ray is now a member of the New Chapters Committee and is immediate past president of the Cedar City Chapter. He is owner of the El Rey Motel, operated by him and his lady Clara.

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